CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 1987, AT 7:30 P.M.
IN H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-60-D1: O'Keefe Letter
BD-60-D2. O'Keefe Package
BD-60-D3: Proposed Motion re ECA and Sexism
BD-60-D4: Elements of an Agreement Concerning the Utilization of Certain Trust Funds held by the University

1.1 Roll Call:

Present:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Scott Bergen
Lyse Edery

Engineering:

Dan Artola
Patrick Douek
Louis Hotte

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet (8:20)

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Jeannette Chayer (8:15)
Glen Cheverie
Joe Fortune (9:10)
Mike Foster (8:15)
Mark Legault
Jim Locke
Effie Panousos
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg (9:00)
Morty Shapiro (8:15)
Emma Tibaldo (8:10)

Absent:

Commerce: Karen Ashton (W/R), Andrew Bayouk, Tony Ghannamy (W/R)
Engineering: Jon Jolivet
Fine Arts Francois Gurik (W/R), Keren Penney (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson, Judicial Board; Cherine Hamam Programming V.P.; Susan Hunt, Student Life V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.; Paul Zaleski, Communications V.P.

1.2 Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. without quorum. There were no objections to proceeding with the informational aspects of the meeting.

4 Chairperson's Remarks:

In his remarks, Chairperson John Moore stated that the dates for the general elections would be set at the meeting, but added that the term is not yet over for the current Board. He urged the Directors to continue to work until the end because there is still time to accomplish goals.

(8:10) QUORUM ACHIEVED

2 Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson John Moore announced that Item 7.6 would be moved up to 7.2 with the other Items moved down accordingly because of the guests present.

MOVE to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

There were no objections to this Motion.

3 Approval of Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Scott Bergen
Seconded by: Jim Locke

There were no objections to this Motion.

5 Reports:

5.1 Co-President's Report:

Scott White reported that the Co-Presidents had met with Dan Artola and Peter Markhauser of the Engineering and Computer Science Students' Association (ECA) and they had resolved to settle the bills from 1985-86. They are still working on a contract for this year and future years. Scott White stated, and Dan Artola agreed, that the relationship between CUSA and ECA is good at this time. There is another meeting scheduled for February 17th.

Scott White reported that the Board of Governors had appointed Chief Justice Alan B. Gold as Chancellor of the University.

Regarding the Women's Centre, Karen Takacs reported that the proposal for the Centre has the support of the Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, however it has to be formally agreed upon by the Simone de Beauvoir Council. They are looking for funding from various areas in the University and will be approaching the CCSL on Friday. Hopefully, the Women's Centre will be set up by the end of the year.

Scott White stated that the CCSL will be deciding whether to continue funding the international and ethnic student associations through the Dean of Students Office. It looks as though CUSA will be taking over the funding of these groups. The Co-Presidents met with the Dean of Students last week and will meet again tomorrow with him and a representative of the International and Ethnic Associations Council (I/EAC). It has been agreed that CUSA will continue to fund these groups at their current level (16 groups receiving $21,000). Karen Takacs added that the other concerns to be discussed are the space the associations occupy and their autonomy.

5.2 Executive Reports:

On behalf of the Liaison Committee, Jim Locke announced that in addition to the Iraqi-Iranian Friendship Association (Item 7.2), he wished to present the Concordia Clean Air Coalition for ratification. it was decided to do this as Item 7.2a. Regarding the policy package for clubs and associations, he stated that he was waiting for the financial recommendations from Finance V.P. Craig McNamee. The Liaison Committee will be meeting on Thursday to discuss the policy package and all are welcome.

On behalf of Services V.P. Brent Jones, Scott White reported that there are some new developments regarding the installation of an automatic banking machine at the Campus Centre. The Banque Nationale, which already has a machine at McGill, are spending $200 to carry out a survey to assess the market. They are hiring someone to issue questionaires to students at the Campus Centre. If the bank receives positive feedback, there could be an automatic banking machine as early as September.

Programming V.P. Cherine Hamam reported that the graduation ball will be held on April 4th at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets will cost $25 per person and it will be a formal affair. Posters and tickets will be ready next week. Carnival Chairperson Robert Douglas reminded Directors that the carnival starts tomorrow, and he briefly outlined the schedule of events.

Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt asked if there were any questions on the report distributed last week on the CCSL budget. Linda Piovesan asked whether students could express their opinions at the CCSL budget meeting, and Susan Hunt explained that students have to request speaking rights which are normally granted.

On behalf of the External Committee, Jeannette Chayer stated that the report on the negotiations that she mentioned last week is available at the External Office. She added that the "Quebec Etudiant" had been translated and was now available in English,

and she reminded the Board that the "reunion national du mouvement etudiant" was taking place this weekend and CUSA representatives would be attending.

(8:30)

6 Question Period:

Jim Locke asked why the office hours at Loyola were cut. Scott White explained that the office would be open from 9:00-7:00 Monday to Thursday and 9:00-4:00 Friday, and that this was being done because there were not enough users to warrant paying staff to keep the office open later in the evenings. Karen Takacs added that if there was enough demand for longer hours, the office could be re-opened on the old schedule.

Linda Piovesan stated that she had been in "Reggie's" and noticed that CRSG was not being played. She added that the night manager was rude when questioned about it. She also stated that "Reggie's" was being closed early. Effie Panousos supported Linda Piovesan's comments and added that the staff seemed to be unco-operative. Glen Cheverie offered to bring this up at the next meeting of the Cusacorp Board of Directors.

Maria Calderone stated that the Political Science Students' Association as well as the Exercise Science Students' Association were having their own graduation parties, and asked why there was an overlap with the grad ball being organized by CUSA. Karen Takacs responded that these organizations are not being subsidized by CUSA for their grad parties although they have received "front money" on the understanding that enough tickets have to be sold for the event to at least break even or it will be cancelled. She added that letters should be sent to the various groups inviting them to help with the organization of CUSA's grad ball and that that arrangements should be made to sell sections of reserved tables to clubs and associations.

7 New Business:

7.1 Setting the Dates for the General Elections:

Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson, Judicial Board, announced that the elections would take place in March. The nomination period would open Monday, March 2nd and go until Monday, March 9th. The campaign period would run from Tuesday, March 10th until Monday, March 23rd at midnight, and the elections would be held over three days, March 24-25-26th.

MOTION 376:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors accepts the recommendations of Judicial Board, and the annual general elections of CUSA will be held on March 24th, 25th and 26th, 1987.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

There were no objections to this Motion.

(8:45)

7.2a Concordia Clean Air Coalition:

MOTION 377:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the formation of the "Concordia Clean Air Coalition.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie
Seconded by: Effie Panousos

Discussion:

As founder of the group, Andreas Seibert explained that the Clean Air Coalition is an advocacy group which would provide information on the effects of smoking. They have been working unofficially with national and provincial groups. At present, they are trying to persuade the university to adopt a clean indoor-air policy. Being ratified will give the group stronger persuasive abilities in reaching students. Effie Panousos added that it is a much-needed awareness group.

VOTE ON MOTION 377: UNANIMOUS

7.2 Iraqi-Iranian Friendship Association:

MOTION 378:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the formation of the "Iraqi-Iranian Friendship Association."

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

Discussion:

Jim Locke stated that there were problems with the constitution of this group, and added that the Liaison Committee did not feel that the group was ready to be brought before the Board. Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson of Judicial Board explained that there was a technical problem with the constitution in that the "associate member" category included graduate students and gave them a right to vote. Karen Takacs stated that this was not a major problem and that the group had been granted provisional status. She added that this group had been given the run-around but there is no reason why this group should not be brought before the Board because it does not break any law nor contravene the Human Rights Charter. Jim Locke explained that Liaison did not have a clear understanding of

the objectives of the group and tried to place the group within the I/EAC; however, he added, after speaking with the Co-Presidents Liaison was informed that there was no reason why an ethnic club could not be formed within CUSA Glen Cheverie asked whether there would be any conflict with the Iranian Students' Association and this group. A spokesperson for the group responded that they would not be replacing the Iranian Students' Association, but rather the objective of this group would be to promote the cultural closeness of the two nations.

VOTE ON MOTION 378: 14/0/6 Carried

7.3 Policy Formulation:

Scott White stated that in addition to the policy formulation that the External Committee is working on, there is also a consolidation of policy-related motions passed by CUSA and its predecessor since 1979. Karen Takacs explained that the policy formulation on which the External Committee is working will provide a guideline similar to the "statement of principles" that organizations such as CUP and CFS have. If any Directors are interested in working on this project, they should speak to Jeannette Chayer.

(9:15)

7.4 O'Keefe Boycott:

MOTION 379:

WHEREAS CUSA in a Motion passed at the 59th Meeting of Board of Directors on 14 January 1987, has reaffirmed its condemnation of racism and apartheid in South Africa; and

WHEREAS at the same meeting Carling O'Keefe was found by the Board to be investing in, supporting, or promoting the South African regime; and

WHEREAS the same Board decided to impose a boycott of O'Keefe on CUSA and CUSA's affiliates because of O'Keefe's connections with South Africa; and

WHEREAS the documentation used to affiliate O'Keefe with South Africa has been shown to be erroneous; and

WHEREAS information now available to the Board members has proven that O'Keefe does not "help to maintain the racist regime in South Africa through direct or indirect investment, support or promotion of the regime"; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA discontinues its boycott of O'Keefe.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion:

Chairperson John Moore granted speaking rights to the representative from O'Keefe, Gary Chilvers, and McGill Anti-Apartheid Committee representative, Amy Keillor. Jim Locke stated that the O'Keefe information package distributed to all Directors for this meeting was circulated at the 59th Meeting, however, not all Directors had an opportunity to review the documentation. He added that this package shows that O'Keefe is a publicly-traded company wherein no money leaves Canada nor does money leave the United Kingdom. He further stated that if all Directors had seen the package at the last meeting, there may have been a different outcome to the vote. Karen Takacs stated that all these facts had been debated before and there was no new information, and she commented on Directors questionning the authority of the Board. She introduced Amy Keillor of the McGill Anti-Apartheid Committee who explained the controlling interest, and reported that the South African Congress of Trade Unions holds the opinions, firstly, that Carling-O'Keefe is controlled by South African interests and, secondly, that economic pressure is a good way to bring about social changes although SACTU cannot endorse any action that might result in harm to unions (e.g. the brewery unions) for tactical reasons. Chairperson John Moore asked for a clarification as to what exactly was the new information at this point in time. Scott Robertson responded that Motion 375 does not apply to Carling-O'Keefe because they do not "help to maintain the racist regime in South Africa through direct or indirect investment, support or promotion of the regime." He added that there is a list published by the United Nations in July 1986 of companies that have dealings with South Africa, and Carling-O'Keefe is not on that list. Effie Panousos stated that CUSA should not boycott one company only but should boycott all companies with South African connections and cited the major banks as examples. Karen Takacs agreed with Effie Panousos, but regarding the U.N. documents she stated that the major banks had met the approval of the Social Policy Committee of the Board of Governors. She added that that when Motion 375 was passed, Carling-O'Keefe fell under the category of "support", and its link with South Africa has not changed since the Motion was passed. Steve Cabilio suggested that when Statistics Canada reclassifies Carling-O'Keefe as not being controlled by South African interests, then the Board should reconsider the Motion.

MOVE to call the question.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie
Seconded by: Effie Panousos

VOTE: 15/1/3 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 379: 9/9/1 Defeated

(10:15)

7.5 Proposed Motion Concerning ECA and Sexism:

MOTION 380:

WHEREAS pornographic films have been condemned by CUSA as a "blatant example of the moral, intellectual, and physical degradation of human beings"; and

WHEREAS CUSA policy prohibits the showing of pornographic films (c.f. Legislative Council, March 11, 1981); and

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments and Concordia University recognize that sexism, in any form, is intolerable; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA condemn the ECA for organizing "Smokers' Night" and showing the film "Girl from Starship Venus", an R-rated sexist-comedy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA condemn the publication of such materials as the "Bogge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA urge the ECA to take a firm public stand on sexism to make clear to engineering and computer science students that such activities are unacceptable.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

Discussion:

Karen Takacs stated that the Motion was self-explanatory and was the result of a number of complaints received from students about "Smokers' Night" and "Girl from Starship Venus". She added that the Motion will not really do much because CUSA has no control over ECA, however it is the most appropriate means of showing that CUSA abhors sexism. She stated that ECA is responsible to AEIGIC, the body governing undergraduate and graduate students in engineering and computer science, and AEIGIC has requested that CUSA send a formal complaint. Karen Takacs suggested that a strongly-worded letter be sent to AEIGIC as well as the Board of Governors, the Vice-Rector Academic, the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, and the Dean of Students.

As President of ECA, Dan Artola stated firstly that "Girl from Starship Venus" was not a pornographic film but a R-rated sex comedy. Secondly, he stated that ECA was always singled out for activities that other groups carry out and he cited CUSA's showing of R-rated films. He added that CUSA should lead by example. Thirdly, he apologized to the Concordia community on behalf of ECA for the poster depicting a drawing of a naked woman which was put up without careful consideration of the consequences. He stated that a written

apology was on its way to the Status of Women office and to other appropriate bodies. Patrick Douek stated that the film had been approved by a female director of ECA, and added that no one was forced to see it. He further stated that the "Smokers' Night" was held at a sex club off-campus and as such it was no one's business. Regarding the "Bogge", Dan Artola stated that it was not published by ECA and ECA has nothing whatsoever to do with it now, although ECA's predecessors did. It is put out out by a group of individuals who receive no financial support nor space nor anything from ECA.

Karen Takacs responded that CUSA would like to see ECA take a stand on sexism so that the students would know what activities are acceptable. Regarding the apology, she stated that the poster was the least offensive aspect--it is unacceptable that a student association organized an activity that promoted the degradation of women. She added that it was especially unsettling in view of the committment made by the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science to gender parity.

VOTE ON MOTION 380 8/3/4 Carried

(10:30)

7.6 Elements of an Agreement Concerning the Utilization of Certain Trust Funds held by the University:

Karen Takacs stated that this agreement concerns the funds in the Part-time Students' Account and the Cusa Centre Inc. Account. She further stated that the agreement outlines the conditions that CUSA will have to meet in order to receive the money. She requested the Directors to read the document (BD-60-D4) for the next meeting because the Board will have to pass Motions regarding the agreement.

8 Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m., at the Sir George Williams Campus, Room TBA.

9 Announcement:

There were no announcements.

10 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

John Moore, Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary